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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: —
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 31-33 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☒ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
1-8,15,19-33 (all partially); claims 9-14 (all complete)
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

Invention 1: claims 1-8,15,19-33 (all partially); claims 9,10 (all complete)

Relating to a nucleic acid construct encoding a secretable or excretable reporter protein, secreted placental alkaline phosphatase (SEAP); cells and non-human animals comprising said nucleic acid construct; use of said gene, cell or animal for detecting gene activation or in methods of screening.

Invention 2: claims 1-8,15,19-33 (all partially); claims 11-14 (all complete)

Relating to a nucleic acid construct encoding a secretable or excretable reporter protein, human beta choriogonadotropin; cells and non-human animals comprising said nucleic acid construct; use of said gene, cell or animal for detecting gene activation or in methods of screening.

Invention 3: claims 1-8,15,19-33 (all partially); claims 16 (complete)

Relating to a nucleic acid construct encoding a secretable or excretable reporter protein, follicle stimulating hormone (FSH); cells and non-human animals comprising said nucleic acid construct; use of said gene, cell or animal for detecting gene activation or in methods of screening.

Invention 4: claims 1-8,15,19-33 (all partially); claim 17 (complete)

Relating to a nucleic acid construct encoding a secretable or excretable reporter protein, antibody gamma or light chain (Bence Jones) protein; cells and non-human animals comprising said nucleic acid construct; use of said gene, cell or animal for detecting gene activation or in methods of screening.

Invention 5: claims 1-8,15,19-33 (all partially); claim 18 (complete)

Relating to a nucleic acid construct encoding a secretable or excretable reporter protein, feline urinary carboxylase; cells and non-human animals comprising said nucleic acid construct; use of said gene, cell or animal for detecting gene activation or in methods of screening.

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